

Establishing a pilot program to provide grant to Texas Association of Goodwills for job training

HB 4065 by Otto (Watson)

DIGEST:	HB 4065 would have authorized the Texas Workforce Commission to establish a pilot program with the Texas Association of Goodwills to provide up to \$3 million in grants to workforce training centers for the construction of new facilities for job training and employment services.
GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETO:	<p>“House Bill No. 4065 would provide the Texas Association of Goodwills up to \$3 million in reimbursement for completed construction of new job training facilities; however the state budget gives an inconsistent \$1 million to this project.</p> <p>“This type of project is added special-interest funding that will benefit only Texas Association of Goodwills, which has no true state oversight, nor is it accountable to Texas taxpayers. I support workforce training and the funds that were added to the budget for that purpose; however, the state should not be in the business of constructing facilities for non-state entities. It is also important to note that the state currently has 28 local workforce boards located throughout the state that have facilities that provide job training.”</p>
RESPONSE:	<p>Rep. John Otto, the bill’s author, was unavailable for comment.</p> <p>Sen. Kirk Watson, the Senate sponsor, had no comment.</p>
NOTES:	HB 4065 was analyzed in Part Two of the May 1 <i>Daily Floor Report</i> .